

**REMARKS**

The Examiner's Action mailed on September 21, 2005 has been received and its contents carefully considered.

Claims 1-20 are pending in this application. Claims 2-11 and 14-20 are cancelled without prejudice or waiver, and claims 1, 12 and 13 are amended herein. Claim 1 remains as the sole independent claim.

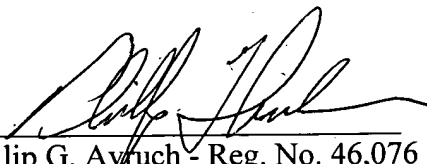
The Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 11-13 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In this Amendment, the limitations recited in claim 11 have been incorporated to claim 1 to more clearly identify a novel and non-obvious aspect of the present invention. Claims 12 and 13 have been amended to depend from claim 1. No new matter has been added. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that amended claims 1, 12 and 13 patentably distinguish over the prior art of record for the reasons set forth in the Office Action.

In summary, it is submitted that this application, as amended, is in condition for allowance. Notice of allowance and the passing of this application to issue, are earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner believes that a conference would be of value in expediting the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is hereby invited to telephone the undersigned counsel to arrange for such a conference.

Respectfully submitted,

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